

(b) SCOTLAND EXCEL CONTRACTS PARTICIPATION

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services proposing that council continues to participate in Scotland Excel Framework Agreements for the supply and delivery of frozen foods, the provision of educational materials and the provision of educational and office furniture.

The Policy and Resources Committee had on 31 May 2011 approved the Council's participation in the Scotland Excel framework for the supply and delivery of frozen food to 30 June 2013.

A new tendering exercise had been conducted by Scotland Excel with the recommendation that contract for sole supply to participating Councils be awarded to Brake Brothers Ltd from 1 July 2013 until 30 June 2016, at an estimate cost to the Council of £460,000 per annum.

The Council's contract for the provision of educational materials had been approved by the Policy and Resources Committee on 31 May 2011. This contract had ended and it was proposed that the Council enter into a new four year Scotland Excel Framework Agreement for the provision of educational materials from 1 July 2013 until 31 March 2017, at an approximate cost of £500,000 per annum.

The Council's contract for the provision of educational and office furniture had been approved by the Policy and Resources Committee on 31 May 2011. This contract had ended and it was proposed that the Council enter into new a three year Scotland Excel Framework Agreement for the provision of the provision of educational and office furniture from 1 March 2013 until 29 February 2016, at a cost of approximately £110,000 per annum.

Decision

The Executive agreed Falkirk Council's participation in the Scotland Excel Framework Agreements as recommended in the report.